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**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING**

Sacramento, CA

November 9, 2011

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Pam Giacomini
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Jim Ostrowski
Susan Britting
J. Keith Gilles
Mike Miles
Richard Wade

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred until December

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Introduced new Board members, briefed them on committee system.
Committee assignments will be forthcoming January 2012.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott

- Calfire is in winter preparedness mode in most of the state. Southern California is in transition and is down staffing.
- Fires have been less severe the last two fire seasons. This year there were a total of 5,300 fires with 51,000 acres burned.
- Working with the Administration and Department of Finance on the department's budget, anticipate an approval in the coming weeks.
- In the process of filling the vacant Regulations Coordinator position.
- The Director will attend the Jackson Advisory Group meeting Thursday, November 17, in Fort Bragg. This will be the first meeting with the new Jackson Advisory Group committee members.
- PG&E Stewardship Lands, continuing to work with the administration and the Stewardship council on additional PG&E lands. Calfire has been putting forth proposals to enhance the existing state forest system, based on lands that are suitable and meet the department's and state's needs. Will meet with Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council on the Tunnel Reservoir and Pit River Plain Review in Shasta County the week of November 14. This has a potential of adding 7,000 acres to the state forest system.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR

There will be a hearing December 6, on the Utility Exemption Extension 2011 rule package. Aspen Meadow regulation was approved by OAL, it will become effective January 1, 2012.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Timber Tax Advisory Committee: a handout was given to each Board member with meeting update and meeting draft minutes, it also included a brief history of the committee and its proposed values. Gave a brief overview of how the timber tax process works.

Will conduct a conference call on November 15, with the Science and Research Committee to discuss the Jackson research plan.

Jackson Advisory Group meeting November 17, in Fort Bragg.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

Road Rules Plead, brought to the full Board for action for a 45 day notice, with a public hearing in April to give ample time for input from the public.

- 11-09-01 **Member Andre moved to put proposed language for the Road Rule Plead package with certain edits out for 45 day notice. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion.**
- 11-09-02 **Member Ostrowski moved to make a friendly amendment. Member Andre accepted Member Ostrowski's amendment. All members were in favor of the motion as amended.**

Policy - Jim Ostrowski

No Action Items

Management – Eric Huff

No Action Items

Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini

- 11-09-02 **Member Giacomini moved to put out for 45 day notice a permanent regulation for emergency action on Sudden Oak Death. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**
- 11-09-03 **Member Giacomini moved to put out for 45 day notice the administrative portion of the Fire Safe regulations. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri

Refer to COMTF report.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)

RMAC meeting moved to January 2012.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)

Will meet December 15 to review exams.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Presentation and review of the findings of the Battle Creek Task Force. Duane Shintaku gave the overview. Refer to report.

Salmonid Conservation and Forest Practices. Dick Butler, North Central Coast Office Supervisor, Protected Resources Division, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Review of regulations for State Responsibility Area Fees. Executive Officer George Gentry gave the overview.

- 11-09-04 **Member Britting moved to adopt the SRA Emergency Rule Plead with a \$35.00 exemption. Member Saito seconded the motion.**

Chairman Dixon called for a roll call vote

Ostrowski Yes

Saito	Yes
Britting	Yes
Andre	Yes
Gilles	Yes
Miles	Yes
Wade	Yes
Giacomini	No
Dixon	Abstained

Motion passed 6 to 2 with one abstention.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Keye
Richard Geinger
Eric Carlson

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.